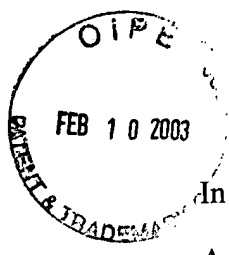


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In re PATENT APPLICATION of SCHMALJOHN AND HOOPER

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Responsive to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 28 as follows.

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28. (Amended) A composition that confers protective immunity against Hantavirus infection, comprising
- (a) an inert particle suitable for carrying a polynucleotide stably coated thereon, and
 - (b) a polynucleotide coated onto the particle, which polynucleotide comprises a promoter operative in a mammalian cell and a hantavirus M gene segment encoding a G1 glycoprotein and a G2 glycoprotein.